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Sent: Thur 5/17/2012 11:34:50 PM
Subject: Fw: Westlands

Just fyi - when Westlands met with Stoner in March, Roger gave us this debrief - in blue below.

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From: Roger Gorke/DC/USEPA/US
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Cc: Karen Schwinn/R9/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 03/27/2012 11:42 AM
Subject: Re: Re: Westlands Meeting is today

Thanks, geez you all continue to ruffle feathers out there.

The meeting went well. Tom Birmingham, Catherine Karen, and Don the almond farmer.

Just a "get to know me" meeting. Tom gave background on the BDCP, Westlands and how efficient they are with water. He even said they were supportive of the ANPR and gave me a copy of their comments. Nancy asked what he wanted from us and he said nothing right now but may be back in the future. Nancy asked him for several things such as information on how they value water. This is part of her CWA 40th anniversary and showing how valuable water is for our economy.

He also said not to believe what you see when you google his name. He doesn't have horns or a tail.

That was about it.

Hope your workshop went well.

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Subject: Re: Re: Westlands Meeting is today

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Actually, it is an easy issue. The Coalition for a Sustainable Delta, a San Joaquin farmers group reportedly organized and funded by Paramount Farms (which has holdings in both Westlands and further south) has argued that today's workshop violates FACA and must be cancelled. We had previously considered the FACA issue as we set up the workshop, and I talked yet again with the OGC FACA team yesterday, and we are fairly comfortable with our position. We communicated that to their attorney yesterday and have gone ahead with the workshop.

No idea what their next step is, if anything.

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Date: 03/27/2012 10:24AM
Subject: Re: Westlands Meeting is today

Yeah - today is our Estuarine Habitat workshop. I sent you the info on Friday. Though we're all about the science today, some have objected. I'll send another note so you see the issue being raised.

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From: Roger Gorke

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To: Tom Hagler; Karen Schwinn

Subject: Westlands Meeting is today

For some reason, I wasn't on the invite until yesterday.

Anything new and/or exciting? Anything on the Se issue in the San Joaquin?